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SUBJECT: JULY 13 MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR ENERGY
POLICY (CEP)

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1. SUMMARY: JULY 13 MEETING OF THE CEP WAS UNEVENTFUL,
WITH QUIET DISCUSSION OF ALL AGENDA ITEMS ALONG PREDICT-
ABLE LINES. THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT ON ENERGY
AND THE ENIRONMENT WILL BE AMENDED AT THE REQUEST OF
DELEGATES FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM AND SWITZERLAND, WITH
THE U.S. AGREEING TO THE CHANGES AD REFERENDUM (REVISED
TEXT TRANSMITTED BY SEPTTEL). THERE WAS A CONSENSUS THAT
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CIEC HAD GENERALLY BEEN A SUCCESS DESPITE LACK OF CONTIN-
UING ENERGY DIALOGUE AND THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD
NOT ACTIVELY TAKE INITIATIVE IN NEAR FUTURE TO REINSTI-
TUTE DIALOGUE. THE EAST-WEST ENERGY RELATIONS QUESTION-
NAIRE WAS RETURNED TO THE SECRETARIAT TO BE REVISED SO
THAT QUESTIONS ARE LESS DETAILED. LONDON SUMMIT TOPIC
TURNED ESSENTIALLY INTO DISCUSSION OF U.S. ENERGY

PROGRAM AND INFCE. END SUMMARY

2. DISCUSSION OF THE OUTCOME OF CIEC REVEALED CONSENSUS THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRY (DC) GOVERNMENTS CONSIDERED IT A QUALIFIED SUCCESS. THE SECRETARIAT STRESSED NEED FOR DC COORDINATION AS SUBJECT OF ENERGY DIALOGUE COMES UP IN UN AND ELSEWHERE. AUSTRALIA, SUPPORTED BY FRANCE AND FINLAND, ASSERTED THAT CEP SHOULD HAVE A PROMINENT ROLE IN FOSTERING THAT COORDINATION BUT DID NOT PRESS THE POINT FOLLOWING AMB SALZMAN'S STATEMENT, SUPPORTED TACITLY OR EXPLICITLY (JAPAN) BY OTHER IEA MEMBERS, THAT CEP SHOULD NOT DUPLICATE IEA EFFORT IN THIS AREA. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH AMB SALZMAN'S STATEMENT THAT DCS SHOULD NOT TAKE THE LEAD IN NEAR FUTURE TO REINSTITUTE DIALOGUE BUT RATHER CAREFULLY DEFINE THEIR OWN INTERESTS AND ALLOW OIL PRODUCERS AND OIL IMPORTING LDCS TO ASSESS THEIR INTERESTS.

3. ON EAST-WEST ENERGY QUESTIONNAIRE BELGIUM, UNITED KINGDOM, AND GERMANY STATED THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS COULD NOT PROVIDE INFORMATION IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS SECRETARIAT PROPOSED. THEY ALL MENTIONED COMMERCIAL CONFIDENTIALITY AND IMPOSSIBILITY OF ACCURATE FORECASTING AS OBSTACLES TO GIVING THE PRICE, PURCHASE MODALITIES AND FORECAST INFORMATION REQUESTED. AMBASSADOR SALZMAN EMPHASIZED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS EXERCISE GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOVIET OIL EXPORTS TO EUROPEAN MARKET AND URGED THAT AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE BE PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENTS. THE SECRETARIAT AGREED TO REDRAFT THE QUESTIONNAIRE IN ATTEMPT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CONCERNS EXPRESSED WITHOUT DETRACTING FROM USEFULNESS OF QUESTIONNAIRE.

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4. REGARDING THE LONDON SUMMIT THE FRENCH DELEGATE POINTED TO IMPORTANCE OF U.S. ROLE IN REDUCING COLLECTIVE DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL AND ASKED FOR U.S. REPORT ON PROGRESS ON ITS ENERGY PROGRAM. AMBASSADOR SALZMAN STRESSED COMMITMENT OF U.S. AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO EFFORTS TO REDUCE DEPENDENCY ON OIL IMPORTS AND THEN GAVE A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON THE PROPOSED NATIONAL ENERGY ACT BASED ON REFTEL. SEVERAL DELS REQUESTED A PRESENTATION ON THE U.S. PLAN AT THE FALL CEP MEETING. SEVERAL DELS NOT PARTICIPATING IN INFCE STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF THAT EXERCISE TO THEIR INTERESTS AND PRESSED FOR INFORMATION ON ITS TIMETABLE, URGING THAT PARTICIPATING DELS COME PREPARED TO DISCUSS NUCLEAR ISSUES MORE FULLY AT NEXT CEP.

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5. WILLIAMS (EC COMMISSION) PRESENTATION OF THE EC ENERGY PROGRAM AND A DETAILED STATEMENT BY LANTZKE ON IEA ACTIVITIES PROVIDED NO SURPRISES. THERE WAS VIRTUALLY NO DISCUSSION OF SECRETARIAT'S OIL MARKETS REPORT WHICH CONCLUDED THAT DEMAND FOR OPEC OIL WILL REMAIN STABLE FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS WITH NORTH SEA AND ALASKA OIL MEETING INCREASED DEMAND.

6. SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL THAT NEXT MEETING OF THE CEP BE IN MID-NOVEMBER (THE WEEK OF THE 20TH) SEEMED TO HAVE SUPPORT OF MOST DELS. AUSTRALIAN SUGGESTION THAT MEETING BE HELD EARLIER TO ALLOW MORE TIMELY DISCUSSION OF POST-CIEC DIALOGUE RECEIVED NO VOCAL SUPPORT. BOB-LETTER INDICATED HE WOULD CANVASS DELS REGARDING APPRO-

PRIATE DATE FOR NEXT MEETING FOLLOWING RETURN FROM
SUMMER BREAK.
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